

Proposed Bill No. 6884

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement

Introduced by: REP. TERCYAK, 26th Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 186 of the general statutes be amended to establish a
- 2 merit scholarship program with a need-based component for the state.
- 3 The program will allow public high school graduates or students
- 4 currently enrolled within the public university system whose family
- 5 income is below a certain level to be established, and earning a three
- 6 point two grade point average or better, full tuition and fees to the
- 7 Connecticut state university system, or the equivalent amount to be
- 8 applied at The University of Connecticut. The program will also allow
- 9 public high school graduates or students currently enrolled within the
- 10 public university system whose family income is over the established
- 11 level, and earning a three point five grade point average or better, full
- 12 tuition to the Connecticut state university system, or the equivalent
- 13 amount to be applied at The University of Connecticut. The
- 14 establishment of the income requirements shall take into account
- 15 income differences between dependent and independent students.

## Statement of Purpose:

To encourage students to continue their education in the state and to keep Connecticut's best and brightest in state.